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SUBJECT: TEGUCIGALPA RESPONSE FOR DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE CUBAN

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In response to reftel, post will be taking the following actions in support of Cuban Solidarity Day:

- A) We will approach the MFA to support drawing attention to the plight of Cuban political prisoners and call for a democratic transition in Cuba.
- B) We will be hosting a press roundtable on May 21 for media from television, radio and print sources. The roundtable will be hosted by a former USINT employee who served as Human Rights officer and can address these issues from experience. She will dispel myths, especially about political prisoners and the "five spies," who continue to find sympathy with the Honduran public.
- C) If the Department has prepared an op-ed for the event, we would hope to be able to place it in the local papers.

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